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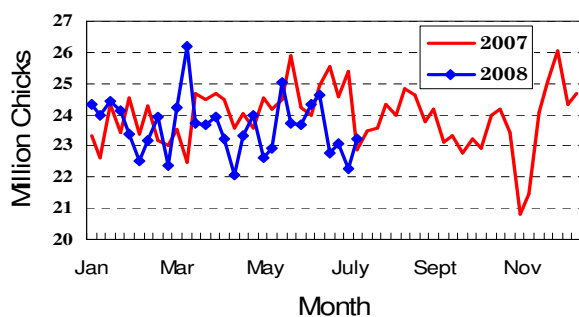
Arkansas Chick Placements up 1 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 23.2 million during the week ending July 19, 2008. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and up 4 percent from the previous week.

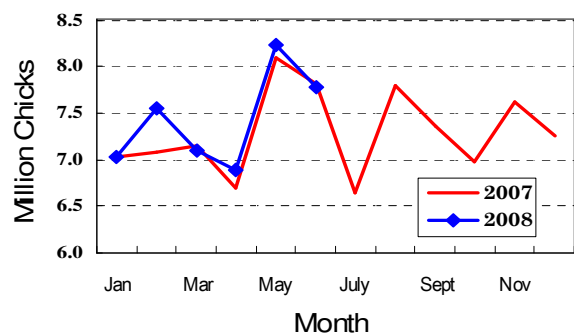
Arkansas hatcheries set 26.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 19, 2008, down 6 percent from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.77 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2008, down slightly from June 2007.

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed for Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2007-2008



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, June 21, 2008 - July 19, 2008

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	21-Jun	28-Jun	5-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	21-Jun	28-Jun	5-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul
Alabama	31,093	30,529 *	29,044	30,699 *	31,005	22,049	22,019	21,477	21,476 *	21,112
Arkansas	26,337	26,620	26,069	26,089 *	26,250	24,638	22,783	23,052	22,289 *	23,200
Delaware	3,647	3,495	3,573	3,624	3,629	4,361	5,208	4,213	4,594 *	4,388
Florida	1,341	1,361 *	1,306 *	1,306	1,273	1,224	1,216	1,315	1,160	1,227
Georgia	34,231	33,955	32,622	33,907	33,591	28,934	29,311	28,617	27,742	27,913
Kentucky	7,694	7,301 *	7,765 *	7,909	8,020	6,462	7,090	6,470 *	6,016	5,466
Louisiana	3,651	3,651	3,651	3,651	3,621	3,755	3,632	3,456	3,543	3,465
Maryland	9,162	8,594	8,618	8,852 *	8,762	6,773	6,114	6,083	5,922 *	5,454
Mississippi	18,761	18,624	18,772	17,768	18,560	17,186	17,283	16,882	16,718 *	16,553
N. Carolina	19,230	19,022 *	18,416	18,574 *	18,739	15,580	16,328	15,683	15,980 *	15,849
Oklahoma	6,897	6,902 *	7,170	7,429	7,197	3,810	5,110 *	4,513	6,113	4,917
Pennsylvania	4,550	4,525	4,316 *	4,378 *	4,536	3,382 *	3,384 *	3,385 *	3,462 *	3,456
S. Carolina	5,317	5,539	5,348	5,380	5,659	5,220	4,044	4,726	5,027	4,737
Texas	15,897	14,714	15,700	15,608	15,675	13,200	13,260	13,403 *	13,409	12,345
Virginia	6,315	6,123 *	6,099	6,017	6,344	4,911	4,440	4,865	5,423	5,198
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,594	19,096 *	19,093 *	19,429 *	18,983	17,768	17,954	17,032	16,763 *	17,167
19 State Total	213,717	210,051 *	207,562 *	210,620 *	211,844	179,253 *	179,176 *	175,172 *	175,637 *	172,447
Prev. Year Total	216,287	210,141	216,018	218,175	216,979	180,026	178,938	178,318	177,496	172,031
% of Prev. Year	99	100	96	97	98	100	100	98	99	100

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 19, 2008. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 19, 2008. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through July 19, 2008 were 5.16 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.